FISCAL NOTE

SB 521 - HB 1118

March 27, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Amends the law to specify that the current child support guidelines do not apply when an obligor parent can prove by clear and convincing evidence that a private agreement for child support was freely entered into by both parents.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - Jeopardizes federal funding of \$39,000,000 received for the Child Support Program and \$230,000,000 received for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (Families First).

Implementation of the bill would place Tennessee in violation of federal requirements of both the Child Support and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Programs. State law may allow variance from the child support guidelines only on a case by case basis as decided by the court.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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